

## **CRAFT BEERS, LOCAL WINES AT BOAT SHOW**

Fancy the taste of fine wines? Love to try today's hottest craft beers? Want to sample them all surrounded by more than 100 boats ready for immediate boarding? Then join the party by attending this year's Progressive Catawba Island Boat Show set for April 28-30 in Port Clinton.

This show, now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year, with all its boats and features has become a rite of spring for Ohio boaters. While opening Friday is considered VIP Preview Day for everyone wanting to be the first to climb aboard the show fleet.

Saturday and Sunday are filled with musical entertainment, wine tasting, craft beer sampling and party-time on the entertainment deck that overlooks the marina basin of the prestigious Catawba Island Club.

Specifically, this year's schedule calls for a special wine-tasting event on Saturday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm presented by popular local vintner Firelands Winery. Established in 1880 in Sandusky, Firelands is one of Ohio's oldest wineries producing fine estate-bottled wines. Show goers will be able to kick back and sample some of the latest offerings from Fireland's while enjoying live music by well-known entertainer, Steve Brownell.

But those who favor beer with their boating aren't left out of the picture. Concurrent on Saturday will be a craft beer sampling event presented by Cleveland's world-class Great Lakes Brewery. Famous for such beers as the Commodore Perry IPA (named after the man who defeated His Majesty's Royal Navy in the War of 1812) and the "chilly" taste of the Alberta Clipper Porter, finding out what's new in the brew from this outfit will add to a fun at the show.

Not attending until Sunday? No problem. The craft beers from the Catawba Brewing Company will be ready for sampling. Try their popular Mother Trucker Pale Ale or their Firewater IPA among others while looking over a show fleet of more than 100 boats ranging from 10 feet to 60-plus feet.

In addition to the boats, exhibits featuring boating accessories, equipment, marinas, services and boating information ring the picturesque Catawba Island Club marina basin in dozens of individual tents. It all combines to give show goers a unique show experience and it is the only time each year that the CIC marina is accessible to the public.

Admission and parking for the boat show are FREE. Show hours will be: Friday, 12 Noon to 6 PM; Saturday, 10 AM to 6 PM; Sunday, 11AM to 5 PM. For the latest show information, visit: [www.catawbaislandboatshow.com](http://www.catawbaislandboatshow.com)